

REMARKS

The examiner called the undersigned on Thursday, July 24, 2003, to discuss the amendment filed July 15, 2003. The examiner clarified that claims 22-37 were deemed non-elected, so they have been cancelled.

The examiner inquired about the tamper evident feature of the wireless electronic memory tag. The above- presented amendment illustrates a way to make the tag tamper evident, borrowing language from column 3, lines 62-65 of U.S. Patent 4,873,193 to Jensen et al., which was incorporated by reference in the present application at page 2, line 19. It is believed that this clarification of the nature of the tamper-evident feature makes the claims clearly distinguishable from the art cited in the office action.

In addition, the examiner indicated that the "encoded electronic signature" recitation of claim 16 appeared to impart novelty. New claims 38 and 39 are claims 9 and 1 in independent form with this feature added.

The other amendments complete the needed amending process to overcome the Section 112 rejections of the office action; their earlier inadvertent omission is regretted.

It is believed that this case is now in condition for allowance and same is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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